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BIOPOLYMER ENGINEERING (888651-999001)

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Respectfully submitted,

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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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	A01	5,843,708	12/01/1998	Hardman et al.		
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